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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Takeshi SAIKAWA et al.

Appln. No.: 10/082,311

Group Art Unit: 2812

Filed: February 26, 2002

Examiner: L. Gurley

For: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2003,
and to the requirement for election of species therein,
Applicants hereby elect Species 1 (Figs. 11-26) for
prosecution on the merits. Applicants' Japanese
representative has advised that Claims 1-21 are readable on
the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file
one or more divisional applications for the non-elected
species.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, then such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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